

alone is sufficient evidence to disqualify Koike et al. from being used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) against the claims of the above-identified application. As such, the claimed subject matter is not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c). Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Finally, applicants respectfully request the full benefit of priority to applicants' priority applications JP 2002-269185 filed on September 13, 2002, JP 2002-275805 filed on September 20, 2002 and JP 2002-313597 filed on October 29, 2002. In order to perfect applicants' claims to priority, applicants enclose herewith certified English language translations of applicants' three priority applications. Certified copies of these priority applications were submitted to the U.S.P.T.O. on September 12, 2003. Each of the priority applications were filed prior to the publication date of US 2003/0054082 of March 20, 2003.

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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